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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *16 June 2006*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-53* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-53* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *31 October 2001* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date *12/16/05*.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/16/06 has been entered. Claims 1-53 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-11, 3-23-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Salvo et al (us 6356205) (hereinafter Salvo) in view of Hassan et al (us pat 5,481,532) (hereinafter Hassan).

As regarding claim 1, Salvo discloses at least one transceiver and coupled to a detector configured to detect pollution (see Salvo col.2, lines 35-67; col.3, lines 1-67;

col.4, lines 46-62; col.6, lines 7-65; col.7, lines 54-67), the transceiver configured to generate a pollution information message, a transceiver network, the transceiver network further comprising: a plurality of network transceivers (see Salvo col.2, lines 35-67; col.3, lines 1-67; col.4, lines 46-62; col.6, lines 7-65; col.7, lines 54-67, plurality of transceivers, plurality of sites with plurality of transceivers); at least one transceiver unit configured to communicate the pollution information message with at least one of the network transceivers (see Salvo col.2, lines 35-67; col.3, lines 1-67; col.4, lines 46-62; col.6, lines 7-65; col.7, lines 54-67); and at least one site controller coupled to the transceiver unit, the site controller configured to communicate the pollution information message between the transceiver unit and an intermediary communication system such that the pollution information message is communicated with a pollution monitoring management controller coupled to the intermediary communication system (see Salvo col.2, lines 35-67; col.3, lines 1-67; col.4, lines 46-62; col.6, lines 7-65; col.7, lines 54-67, see figure 1).

Salvo does not implicitly disclose each transceiver have an identification code; network transceiver communicate information message with other network transceivers.

Hassan teaches each transceiver have an identification code (see col.1, lines 60-67; col.3, lines 8-32, each transceiver has a unique identification); network transceiver communicate information message with other network transceivers (see Hassan col.1, lines 60-67; col.3, lines 8-32, messages are transmit from one transceiver to another by relaying message packets to the intended transceiver).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Hassan to the system of Salvo to have the identification codes for the transceivers and the transceiver communicate with other transceivers because having identification code for the transceivers would allow the system to know where the message are originated, thus simplify the communication between transceivers.

As regarding claim 2, Salvo-Hassan discloses wherein the intermediary communication system further comprises a portion of an Internet (see Salvo col.4, lines 46-62).

As regarding claim 3, Salvo-Hassan discloses wherein the intermediary communication system further comprises a portion of a digital communication system (see Salvo col.2, lines 35-67; col.3, lines 1-67; col.4, lines 46-62; col.6, lines 7-65; col.7, lines 54-67).

As regarding claim 4, Salvo-Hassan discloses wherein the intermediary communication system further comprises a portion of a public switched telephone network (see Salvo col.4, lines 46-62).

As regarding claim 5, Salvo-Hassan discloses wherein the intermediary communication system further comprises a combination of portions of at least an Internet, a digital communication system and a public switched telephone network (see Salvo col.4, lines 46-62).

As regarding claim 6, Salvo-Hassan discloses wherein the intermediary communication system further comprises a combination of portions of at least an Internet and a public switched telephone network (see Salvo col.4, lines 46-62).

As regarding claim 7, Salvo-Hassan discloses wherein the intermediary communication system further comprises a combination of portions of at least an Internet and a digital communication system (see Salvo col.4, lines 46-62).

As regarding claim 8, Salvo-Hassan discloses wherein the intermediary communication system further comprises a combination of portions of at least a digital communication system and a public switched telephone network (see Salvo col.4, lines 46-62).

As regarding claim 9, Salvo-Hassan discloses wherein the transceiver is coupled to a pollution detecting device and is configured to generate the pollution information message in response to a signal received from the pollution detecting device (see Salvo col.2, lines 35-67; col.3, lines 1-67; col.4, lines 46-62; col.6, lines 7-65; col.7, lines 54-67, see figure 1).

As regarding claim 10, Salvo-Hassan discloses a memory residing in each one of the network transceivers and the transceiver such that a communication transmission path is defined by at least one of the unique identification codes of the network transceivers and the first identification code of the transceiver, the communication transmission path being used to identify a location of the transceiver (see Hassan col.1, lines 60-67; col.3, lines 8-32). The same motivation was utilized in claim 1 applied equally well to claim 10.

As regarding claim 11, Salvo-Hassan discloses a memory residing in the transceiver such that the first identification code resides in the memory and such that the first identification code is included as a portion of the pollution information message, whereby the first identification code is used to identify the nature of the pollution (see Hassan col.1, lines 60-67; col.3, lines 8-32). The same motivation was utilized in claim 1 applied equally well to claim 11.

As regarding claim 13-23, the limitations are similar to claims 1-11 therefore being rejected for the same rationale as claims 1-11.

As regarding claim 24, the limitations are similar to claims 1 therefore being rejected for the same rationale as claims 1.

As regarding claim 25-35, the limitations are similar to claims 1-11 therefore being rejected for the same rationale as claims 1-11.

As regarding claim 36-42, the limitations are similar to claims 1-11 therefore being rejected for the same rationale as claims 1-11.

As regarding claim 46-49, the limitations are similar to claims 1-11 therefore being rejected for the same rationale as claims 1-11.

As regarding claim 50-52, the limitations are similar to claims 1-11 therefore being rejected for the same rationale as claims 1-11.

As regarding claim 53, the limitations are similar to claims 1 therefore being rejected for the same rationale as claims 1.

Claim 12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Salvo and Hassan as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Daum et al (us 2003/0046377).

As regarding claim 12, Salvo and Hassan discloses all limitation of claim 1 but fail to disclose a second transceiver having a second identification code and coupled to an electric distribution system, the second transceiver configured to communicate pollution information with the detector using a power line carrier (PLC) signal communicated over the electric distribution system, and further configured to communicate the pollution information message with at least one of the network transceivers.

Daum teaches using PLC signal communicated over the electric distribution system (see Daum pg.1, par 4-7).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Daum to the system of Salvo-Hassan to use PLC signal communicated over the electric distribution system because using the PLC existed in the prior art would provided improved data rates and noise immunity at reasonable cost (see Daum pg.1, par 6).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-53 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duyen M. Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-4226. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob A. Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on (571) 272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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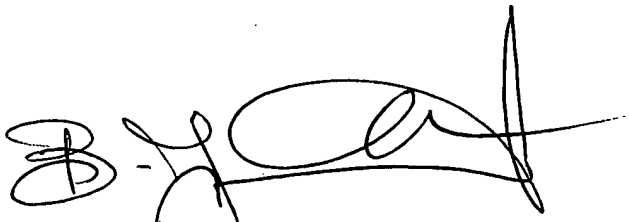

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